

CUBANS ARE GLAD LEE IS COMING.

They Believe He Will Represent Their Cause Fairly to This Government.

Rumor That Weyler Will Resign Causes Much Joy in the Terrorized Interior.

More Stories of the Frightful Methods His Troops Employ to Slay Peaceful Citizens.

LIFE OF A TRUE CUBAN HEROINE.

Mrs. Hernandez Follows Her Friends into the Thickest of the Fight and Tenderly Cares for the Wounded.

In Camp with General Lacroix, near Bolondron, Cuba Libre, April 20.—Satisfaction at the appointment of Fitzhugh Lee is intense throughout the country—in the rebel ranks, as well as in the villages and on the plantations. Cubans and Americans believe that the affairs of this unhappy country will now be represented fairly to the Government at Washington, which, they say, will be a departure from the custom that has hitherto prevailed.

A rumor has come to the fact that General Weyler is about to resign, owing to the attitude of the United States on the question of belligerence. Great satisfaction is felt in the field, as the atrocious committee on unarmed men, women and children have only taken place since Weyler's advent. He was also the first to forbid correspondents going out with the columns, and people here say these atrocities were the result of his secret orders to commanders of columns.

Nine non-combatants were killed near Bolondron yesterday. The troops could not catch a party of insurgents they were after, and turned on the country people.

A sample of the general corruption in the Spanish ranks came to my notice yesterday. Two officers of Lacroix's staff sent a package to Bolondron to buy them two palm leaf hats and a package of cigars. The price of the hats is \$4 each everywhere. The package arranged with a Spanish sergeant, who bought the goods in the town, took \$8 apiece for the hats, and a corresponding percentage for the cigars, knowing they were for insurgents, and smuggled them out through the lines in the coffin of a dead man who was carried to the cemetery outside of the town for burial.

According to General Gomez's orders, there is to be little direct fighting this month until the beginning of the rainy season. Things will, therefore, be pretty dull, unless some accidental conflict turns up. It is probable also that the insurgents' policy is dictated by prudence and a desire to see what the United States is going to do.

Unarmed men flock to us from every town, begging to be enlisted. In cases where they are in personal danger at home they are taken, and form the basis of "impediments" that is such a handicap on our movements. If there were arms enough an army of 50,000 men could be put in the field here in Matanzas Province in a day.

Spanish Troops Work Destruction. Nine houses have been burned by Spanish troops within a league of our camp in the last three days, and as many families made homeless. I rode by the ruins of one of these this morning and found a poor woman and her two sons, partly naked, digging for some iron tools among the ashes. The woman told me that the Spaniards had stolen everything they possessed because a party of insurgents had camped on the place the day before. Three of the houses where we have camped in the last week have been sacked and burned by troops after our departure. Smoke of burning houses is seen on all sides.

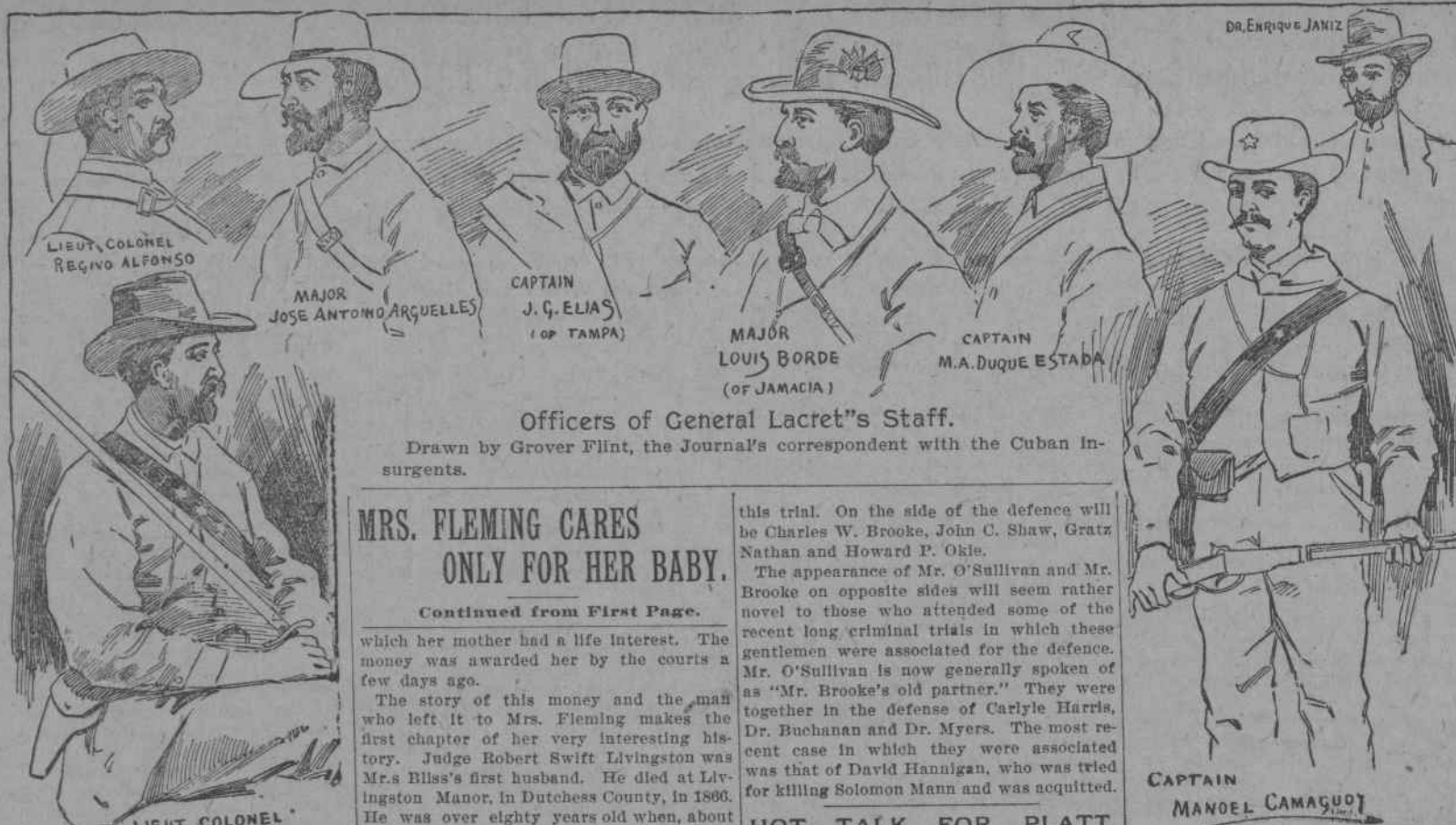
Captain Bertrand, son of Colonel Bertrand, of the Spanish army, who is one of Lacroix's officers, and who has just come from the North, tells me that two days ago nine pacificos were executed outside of Havana.

Significant of the terror that reigns everywhere, is the case of Jose de Armas, who has been an American citizen since 1874. On February 15 Yelmar's column passed by his hacienda, the Finca Manzanera, in Pedrosa, near Volondron, stole 200 head of cattle, 120 horses and mules, all his personal clothing and goods, killed his pigs and poultry, and burned house and outbuildings, causing him a loss of \$30,000. De Armas has been strictly neutral, but so great is his fear of the troops that he has remained hidden in the woods for two months, dependent on friends and former employees for food. At my suggestion he wrote to the Consul at Matanzas, stating his case. He had not any more, fearing, as a naturalized citizen, that no attention would be paid to his complaint.

At the Finca del Cierro, in this district, yesterday I saw Juan Jose Nicolai, a French citizen, and his wife, who told me that on the 10th inst. Valdes's column entered the estate, forced open drawers and desks, ransacked private papers, and stole books, clothing, plate, jewelry and cooking utensils. Nicolai and his wife, old, gray-haired people, say that they were threatened with death and treated with gross insults by the soldiers. These are cases that come directly to my notice. Others are too numerous to mention.

On the insurgent side in this province, by General Gomez's orders, action with troops occurs only when unavoidable. General activity will begin in the rainy season, when we expect to have the hardest fighting, as the insurgents feel that it is a question of now or never.

A Patriot Hospital Camp. I have been down in the south of Matanzas Province. Where the pastures and cane fields end, and the palm forests and swamps of the south shore begin, is a hospital camp, where the insurgent wounded from all parts of this military district are sent. For a league before you get there you must follow a blind trail, over porous, gray limestone, rich with red soil in its crevices and pockets. Here banana trees, plantains and the malanga plant, which serves the peasants for bread, grow between the rocks so beautifully that opportunities for ambushes make it a dangerous country to penetrate. Beyond in the distance is the hospital, a safe little nook well guarded against the Spaniards,



Officers of General Lacroix's Staff.
Drawn by Grover Flint, the Journal's correspondent with the Cuban Insurgents.

MRS. FLEMING CARES ONLY FOR HER BABY.

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which her mother had a life interest. The money was awarded her by the courts a few days ago.

The story of this money and the man who left it to Mrs. Fleming makes the first chapter of her very interesting history. Judge Robert Swift Livingston was Mrs. Bliss's first husband. He died at Livingston Manor, in Dutchess County, in 1860. He was over eighty years old when, about 1858, he married Evelina Davis, who was then twenty-four years old. A daughter was born in 1861, and was named Mary Alice Lamont Livingston. It has been generally supposed that Judge Livingston was the father of this child, to whom he left so much of his fortune.

The real paternity of the child—now known as Mrs. Fleming—is promulgated as the second sensation of the trial, when it will be shown that the defendant is the daughter of a man now prominent in financial circles in this city.

SHE LOVED UNWISELY. A year after Judge Livingston's death his widow married Henry W. Bliss, and they went to live at Tom's River, N. J. There Alice Livingston grew from girlhood to womanhood. She took a mad fancy to her mother's coachman, Archibald Corneilus, and had clandestine meetings with him. This was discovered by her mother and Corneilus was discharged.

Some months later, while she was at Koster & Blais's old Twenty-third street music hall with her mother and stepfather, she was introduced to Henry Fleming, who was at that time president of the Petroleum Exchange. She received Fleming's attentions for a year or more and then there came a suit for breach of promise, in which she was the plaintiff and Fleming the defendant. The suit was brought September 9, 1882. She asked for \$75,000 damages, and was awarded that amount by the jury. The case was appealed and was afterward settled for a comparatively small amount.

About the time of this suit Miss Livingston's first child was born. A few years later Miss Livingston brought a similar suit against a lawyer named Willis, but that never came to trial. Exactly when or how she changed her name to Fleming is not known. There is no record of her marriage to Fleming and she was known as Miss Livingston for some time after Fleming's death.

It is not known that she was ever married and the paternity of her children is one of the mysteries of the case.

A CASE FOR EXPERTS. The trial, which begins to-day, will be lengthy, as a great deal of expert testimony will be taken. Besides Dr. Scheele there will appear as experts for the prosecution Drs. Brulman, O'Hanlon and Newton, Professor Mott, of Rutgers College, and Victor Clarence Vaughan, of the Michigan University. Who the defense will have as experts is not known.

The prosecution will be conducted by Assistant District Attorneys McIntyre and Miller, and W. J. O'Sullivan, the medical expert, who has been especially engaged for this trial.

Shot a Baby in Its Nurse's Arms. "They entered the house of our kind friends, sacked it and cut the old man down with machetes. They killed an old negro servant, and two mulatto farmhands, and left their bodies by the road unburied. The daughter was in the room when they killed her father, and she tried to rush between them and the old man. They cut her over the right arm, which she raised before her face, and the nurse ran to the door and held up the little baby before her, begging for mercy. A soldier, standing outside, shot the infant dead. The Spanish refused to be cared for by a Spanish surgeon, but they put her in a shed, and they had fired the house, nearby, and the regimental surgeon ordered quicklime put on her wounds. She died from shock and pain."

"This is the story the peasants tell in Llanos del Gato. You hear such stories all over the island—I believe it is all true, though it seems incredible that people could act so nowadays."

I asked Mrs. Hernandez if there was no less exposed place for her than at Maceo's side in action.

"There is no other place to go, even if I wished," she answered. "Our headquarters is the saddle, and at night we stop wherever we happen to be. Then, you know, I am not here for my own comfort."

At night Mrs. Hernandez sleeps like any Cuban soldier, in a hammock between two palm trees, or under the porch of some cottage. She is never fatigued, she says, because she has too much to do. As for the men, they bless the ground she walks on. She has been in Maceo's hardest battles. She was at Paso Real, where General Luque was wounded and his column driven back before a charge of 2,000 of Maceo's cavalry. At Rio Hondo she was in the first ranks of the skirmishers, who accounted for fifty-four Spaniards in three hours and laid their bodies aside by side on the highroad. At Marallitos and Jesus Mazareno she rode tirelessly under an all-day's shower of lead, when the insurgent army engaged three Spanish columns. She was at Juncos, where she was wounded and carried to a hospital. It was here that the troops entered after the insurgent forces had retired, shot down seventeen on-combatants, whom they dragged from their houses, and sent thirty more to the dungeons of Morro.

Patriot Lynch Finds a Finger. Patrol J. Lynch found a finger at the corner of First avenue and Sixty-ninth street yesterday afternoon. It was a piece of cloth, taken from a man's hand, and was found in a place of cloth.

this trial. On the side of the defence will be Charles W. Brooke, John C. Shaw, Gratz Nathan and Howard P. Okie.

The appearance of Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Brooke on opposite sides will seem rather novel to those who attended some of the recent long criminal trials in which these gentlemen were associated for the defence. Mr. O'Sullivan is now generally spoken of as "Mr. Brooke's old partner." They were together in the defense of Carlyle Harris, Dr. Buchanan and Dr. Myers. The most recent case in which they were associated was that of David Hannigan, who was tried for killing Solomon Mann and was acquitted.

HOT TALK FOR PLATT.

Former Excise Commissioner Harburger Denounces Him, the Raines Law and the Police.

Leader Platt was given a red-hot roast yesterday afternoon, not by the oven-like weather which made the city swelter, but by former Excise Commissioner Julius Harburger. The roasting was done before a big crowd in Old Fellows' Hall, No. 325 Bowers, where the members of the Alhambra Association gathered to hear the well-known East Side politician denounce Platt, the Police Department and the Raines law.

"Mr. Platt and his fawling, hypocritical satellites will be driven from power and relegated to political oblivion," said Mr. Harburger. "This set of political marauders has done such an incalculable amount of injury to our commercial enterprises that it will take many years before we can recover the financial losses sustained."

"It is my belief," said Mr. Platt, "that the gathering of the fleet of United States war vessels off Staten Island is for the purpose of striking a blow at Spain in case General Weyler orders the Americans of the schooner Competitor put to death."

"If the United States fleet goes to Cuba, I think, would avoid a clash with the United States, but Weyler may act so hastily that she may be unable to do so. Without a doubt a war would help our cause, and I am selfish enough to desire to see this traitor kingdom become mixed up in a difficulty with the American people."

"Weyler is a man who is very heartily disliked, even by his own men. He can never succeed in his weak efforts to crush this rebellion. He will fall sooner or later, but the sooner the better. He finds it difficult to keep on good terms with his generals, who do not respect him, and I do not doubt that in a short time we will hear of his being recalled to Spain."

"The Spanish soldiers will become so demoralized by fright that independence for Cuba will be very materially hastened."

Mr. Platt was told that he was credited with the statement that the Cuban Junta did not send the schooner Competitor on an expedition.

"I never mention the names of any vessel sent out by us," he replied. "We are constantly sending out boats for Cuba with arms and ammunition. We intend sending out several in a short time."

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"I cannot say," he answered. "You may be assured, however, that it will be before long. All the money we can scrape together is being used for arms, ammunition and boats. We have several steamers now, but they are not ready for sailing."

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ARCHIE ELLIS FALLS OUT WITH HIS WIFE.

He Finds a Bundle of Letters, Leaves Home and Consults Lawyers.

Trouble Said to Be Due to a Boarder at the Ellis Home.

FRIENDS ARE GREATLY SURPRISED.

Both Are Well Known in Theatrical Circles and It Had Been Generally Supposed They Were Happy Together.

A bundle of letters has caused "Archie" Ellis to leave his wife and his home at No. 215 West Thirty-eighth street and to consult his lawyer, Jerry Wernberg, of Brooklyn.

"Archie" Ellis is the brother and manager of Charles T. Ellis, the character comedian and singer, and the many people who know him and Mrs. Ellis—hers has long been one of the best known, as it is one of the handsomest, faces on the "Rialto" will be surprised to learn of their domestic troubles. For a long time Mrs. Ellis, whose stage name is Laura Palmer, could always be seen on upper Broadway during pleasant afternoons in the season, and always accompanied by her dearest friend, Miss Ray Douglas, who gave up comic opera when she fell heir to a fortune of about \$30,000 by the death of a relative. These two have been lately joined by Miss Nettie Lyford, also of comic opera fame, and a former member of Francis Wilson's forces.

Four years ago, "Archie" Ellis, as manager of his brother's company, engaged Miss Palmer to play the leading woman character in "Casper, the Yodler," of which Charles T. Ellis was the star. Before the season closed an engagement of a deeper nature had been effected between Manager Ellis and his lady, and they were married. Mrs. Ellis has not played any extended engagements since her marriage and some time ago she secured the house, No. 215 West Thirty-eighth street, and fitted it handsomely as a professional boarding-house. She has been successful. Of course, Mr. Ellis's managerial duties kept him away the greater part of each theatrical season, but whenever his company played in the vicinity of New York, he made his home at the Thirty-eighth street house.

Two weeks ago Charles and Archie Ellis began an engagement at Proctor's Pleasure Palace. The engagement at that house terminated on Saturday night. On Friday Mr. Ellis packed his grip and started for Brooklyn to consult his attorney, Jerry Wernberg. It was said that Mr. Ellis had found a package of letters in the room of an actor boarding at No. 215 West Thirty-eighth street, and that after a perusal of them he left the house.

At Mr. Ellis's home yesterday it was said that she had left for Philadelphia, where her family reside. Mrs. Annie Shaw, whom Mrs. Ellis left in charge of her boarders admitted that Mr. and Mrs. Ellis had quarrelled, and said that the trouble had been caused by a man who lived in the house. She said that the trouble would in all probability blow over in a short time.

and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis would be reconciled.

Mr. Ellis and his brother were down the Jersey shore looking for a cottage yesterday, and Lawyer Wernberg had gone to Brighton Beach to seek cooling sea breezes. "Archie" Ellis is a brother-in-law, of Mr. Behman, of the theatrical firm of Hyde & Behman, of Brooklyn. He is a tall, handsome fellow, and is popular among his professional associates. Mrs. Ellis is above the medium height. Her features are classically regular, and are lighted up by a pair of flashing eyes. She had been married before becoming Mrs. Ellis, and has a son about sixteen years of age.

WOMEN ARE TO AID CUBA.

Booths at the Fair Which They Will Manage—Contributions of Friends.

Madison Square Garden's doors will open to admit the public to the great Cuban-American Fair two weeks from tonight. The following contributions have been made to the big bazaar: Emil Henry Wuerz, sculptor—A high relief, "Romance of the Sea." Keating Wheel Co.—A high-grade bicycle. Simpson, Crawford & Simpson—A lady's bicycle. Schwartz Bros.—One dozen Bohemian vases. Charles Evaris Williams—One hundred copies of music, "Cuba's Appeal." A Friend of Cuba—Two boxes of toys.

The most celebrated artists in this part of the country have offered their services as decorators and the ornamentations of their studios to William Ordway Partridge, who is the director of the art department for the Cuban fair.

The women of New York are thronging to the aid of the Cubans, and there will be no dearth of ladies to serve as saleswomen at the various booths. Mrs. Barrett Van Aulen, in charge of the flower booth, has secured large contributions from nearly every well-known florist in this city and Brooklyn. Mrs. G. J. Quesada, in charge of the candy booth, has been busy with good effect upon the confectionery stores, and Mrs. W. G. Jennings has induced a number of her friends to dress up as "fortune-tellers" for her gypsy camp.

Subscription lists are in all the hotels and glass banks are being put in all public places where it is permitted. Books for subscriptions are also being freely circulated. There will be a Tammany night, a women's night, a wheelmen's night, a veterans' night and one for the militia. Grand army posts will turn out in uniform on Decoration day to vote for the old battle flag of the Seventy-second Ohio Regiment, captured by the Confederates in the late war and presented by General P. T. C. Beauregard to his chief-of-staff, the late General Thomas Jordan, of Brooklyn, and by his daughter to the fair.

OIL WELL IN CANAL STREET.

While Excavating for a New Building Contractors Start a Flow of Crude Petroleum.

Excavators have found a fountain of natural petroleum while digging for foundations of a new building at Canal and Centre streets. The excavation is on the site of the old Erie's Hotel, belonging to Louis Lovillard. While digging for foundations black seams, similar to the oil formations of Pennsylvania, were struck. These yielded a silty substance, which on examination proved to be crude petroleum.

At first it was supposed by Contractor Degan that this was the result of a long-buried accumulation of debris from gas-works, which stood near the place forty or fifty years ago. Since the first discovery was made, however, more than 300 barrels of oil have been extracted, and so far from the supply being exhausted, it appears to increase. All the theories as to the strange presence of the oil have been abandoned, and it is now an established fact that oil has been struck.

The presence, however, is more of an inconvenience than a blessing, and just now the contractors are puzzled to know how to make the foundations of the new building solid. It is probable that the Lord's will be consulted as to the advisability of laying a pipe to carry off and utilize the oil.

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